

REMARKS

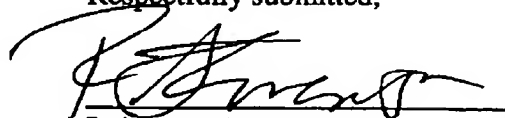
We affirm the election to prosecute the invention of Group II, Claims 6-10.

As to the section 112 rejections, we amended the claims to incorporate degree symbols (addressing section 9B of the office action), and to make it clear that the emulsion polymer is in the aqueous state (addressing section 9A). As to the rejection in section 9 C, the claims now make it clear that the monomers in question have a specified range of water solubility by weight. None of these amendments is substantive or narrow the scope of the claims in any fashion.

The examiner rejects Claims 6-8 as being unpatentable in view of the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,509,064 on the basis of obviousness-type double patenting. Enclosed is a terminal disclaimer that addresses this matter. The rejection should be withdrawn.

As for the various rejections under sections 102 and 103 citing U.S. Patent No. 5,623,085, we traverse with the amendments above. Whatever compositional similarities or differences there are between the '085 patent and what is claimed in this case, it is quite clear that the '085 patent makes no note of employing any particular coating to coat a friable surface, which is now a positive element in the pending claims. The '085 patent did not appreciate how any particular coating might impart improvements to coating friable surfaces, which the data in the application clearly demonstrate are superior (see Example 36, pp. 16-19). As such, the art rejections based on the '085 patent should be withdrawn.

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